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**CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

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XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

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SUMMARY OF MINUTES

MEETING OF WEDNESDAY JANUARY 28, 2004

CTAC ATTENDANCE:

Frank Hernandez, Chair
Mike Hatcher, First Vice-Chair
Norman Wartman, Second Vice-Chair
Rolando Acosta
Jose de Almagro
Willie Duckworth
Daniel Fils-Aime
Maurice Gan
Mac Glasgow
Ramon Irigoyen
Carline Paul
Robert Ruiz

Peggy Hollander
Mario Nuevo
Ramon Ramos
Bernard Superstein
Lee Swerdlin
Naomi Wright
Frank Zeinali
Joseph Corradino
Carlos Diaz Pardon
Joseph Fontana
Emma Pringle
Janak Thakkar

OTHERS PRESENT:

Elizabeth Rockwell, CTAC Secretariat
Paul Chance, CTAC Secretariat Assistant
Stephanie Cohan, MPO
Hilda Fernandez, Executive Director, CITT
Lt. Col Tony Colmenares, CITT Board Member
Marsha Nathawson, CITT
Virginia Diaz, CITT
Melissa Vignes, SFCS
Juanda Ferguson, Alednam
Hudson Gaulman, Citizen
Marco Santana, Citizen

Delfin Molins, Public Works
David Vaughan, ART
Dan Onterbridge, ART
Jean BGaboton, PW TSS
Manuel A. Sauleda, Metric Engineering
John Pistorino, Consulting Engineer
Isabel Padron, MDT
Claudette Hinton, MDT

Mr. Frank Hernandez, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognized quorum.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Maurice Gan moved the agenda and the motion was seconded by Mac Glasgow. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously. However, after public comment the Chair asked if the Committee would approve switching the Action Items with the Informational Items. It was then moved by Robert Ruiz and the motion was seconded by Mac Glasgow. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jose De Almagro moved for the approval of the minutes for the December 10, 2003 meeting and the motion was seconded by Naomi Wright. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

III. WELCOME NEW CTAC MEMBERS

Two new CTAC members were introduced to the Committee by the Chair Frank Fernandez. Joseph Fontana, who lives in the Miami Beach area, was appointed by Commissioner Barreiro from District 5. Janak Thakkar works for the Public Works Department and was appointed by Mayor William Kerdyk.

The Chairman also made an announcement that Christopher Morton stepped down from his CTAC position for work related reasons.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

David Vaughan from the Alliance for Reliable Transportation (ART) recommended promoting the use of mass transit by having a time table and a map at each bus stop. He told the CTAC members that there is no bus information available for tourist and nowhere to buy tokens or a bus card on South Beach. He knows of only one place that is open on the Beach where you can buy tokens or passes and they are closed on Sundays. Mr. Vaughan believes the County needs to take advantage of promotional opportunities. For example, being able to buy tokens at Starbucks, having a section in the newspaper showing the different bus routes going to the movie theaters, buying an integrated bus ticket where you can go to the movies by buying a bus ticket. Mr. Vaughan continued to say that there are a lot of empty seats on these buses and by increasing the transportation marketing it will help those empty seats get filled.

Mr. Hernandez addressed the citizen by telling him that he will be notified the next time the Transit Subcommittee meets so he can share more of his ideas.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. CITT UPDATE

Hilda Fernandez, CITT is the Executive Director, wanted the members to know that they have been very active since the committee was assembled last May 2003. They currently have two vacant seats, but 8 of the original 15 seats were appointed by their Commissioners from the start. There was a CITT Nominating Committee meeting Thursday, January 29, 2004 at 11am.

Ms. Fernandez spoke about the five active committees that are under the CITT which are: Budget Review, Budget and Finance, Compliance and Oversight (which deals with minority participation), General Affairs, and Executive Planning. All of the Committee meetings are open to the public and are also televised. They will be posting all of the actions taken by the CITT on www.trafficrelief.com. There have been four amendments approved by the CITT. Actions such as: A deletion of a project through the request of a County Commissioners; bus service improvements; amended the PTP to include the Capital Improvement Program; the December 7th bus line up. She went on to describe the amendment and contract process and how it is approved. Most recently the CITT did approve a request form for a financial consultant to provide services exclusively to the CITT. Ms. Fernandez said they felt it necessary, especially for perception purposes, that there should be no conflict in terms of the ability of not receiving recommendations from another county department.

In December, the CITT was presented with a Performa for the transportation system that was developed by the County Manager. CITT received the Performa through a presentation and the Finance Committee raised some questions about the Performa. They have continued to work closely with the County Managers' Office in hope of resolving those concerns.

There was an extensive question and answer period that followed from CTAC members. Lt. Col. Colmenares and Ms. Fernandez were present to answer the questions. During the question/answer period Mr. Hernandez excused himself passing over the Chair to First Vice Chair Mike Hatcher. Mr. Hatcher resumed the meeting as Chair.

B. SOUTH FLORIDA COMMUTER SERVICES PRESENTATION

Melissa Vignes, SFCS Outreach Specialist, gave CTAC members a brief overview of the company's services. They are a tri-County commuter program service that helps people get to and from work in the tri-County area (Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach). The program is funded by the Department of Transportation. One of their goals is to elevate traffic and congestion on the road by implementing Transportation Demand Management measures (TDM). Strategies that develop a more efficient use of resources that is already in place without adding anything. What that statement means, according to Ms. Vignes, is that they don't want to add roads instead they want to increase the car pooling

program, the van pooling program, riding public transportation and coming up with incentives to use alternatives modes. One of the services that they offer is 1-800-234-RIDE. This phone number provides answers to citizen with transportation questions such as: being lost, needing bus information, and how to get to and from an area. Ms. Vigues informed the committee if they know of any groups or businesses that might be interested in taking advantage of their services to please give her a call. There was a short question and answer period, and Vice-Chair Mike Hatcher then asked if members have further questions please give her a call.

C. UPDATE ON RESOLUTION ACTION FOR THE OF THE SOUTH DADE BUSWAY

Isabel Pardon from Miami-Dade Transit attended the meeting per CTAC's request to update the members on where they are with the Resolution action for unsignalized intersections for Phase II of the Busway. She introduced Manuel A. Sauleda from Metric Engineering to give the specific updates and improvements. What the department is doing according to Mr. Sauleda, is adding a medium to separate the direction of traffic. It will reinforce motorist and buses to slow down as they approach the intersections. In addition they have placed Busway signs, which are located at all of the intersection on the Busway. They have also added red flashing lights on top of the stop signs to further warn motorist that a stop condition is coming up. The buses will have to drive through the intersections at 15 miles per hour. According to Mr. Sauleda all of these measures should address the CTAC members' safety concerns. There was a short question and answer period, where the Vice-Chair Mr. Hatcher asked if members had further questions please give Ms. Padron a call at 305-375-4505.

CTAC member Frank Zeinali, commended them on going beyond the call of duty and was very satisfied with the update. Norman Wartman still had some concerns, He said that the buses drive through very infrequently and cars come through all the time. By giving the bus priority over the vehicular traffic even though we are trying to promote the public transportation, we may be creating a greater problem than we are solving. The question is which way will cause less accidents and fewer deaths. Mr. Hatcher recommended that the matter be sent back to the Surface Transit Subcommittee and address it then. It was suggested that Miles Moss should have a chance to review it too.

D. "ON THE MOVE" – MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S POCKET GUIDE TO TRANSPORTATION

Elizabeth Rockwell from the MPO gave CTAC an update on the Transportation Guide. She explained that it has gone to the Community Transportation Forum (CTF), which is comprised of all the Public Involvement Managers from all the transportation agencies and the TPC for their review. Elizabeth Rockwell explained to the Committee how the Transportation Guide will be disseminated throughout Miami-Dade County: by using Miami Herald, public libraries and Team Metro Offices. She asked for all the members to email her any comments they may have on the "Citizen Guide" by Friday, February 6th.

ACTION ITEMS

VI. A. RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE TRAFFIC LOOP DETECTION REPAIR CONTRACT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND PRACTICAL

Norman Wartman explained why CTAC members should pass this as a Resolution. Mr. Wartman said, “there are thousands of traffic signals in Dade County and when a vehicle cuts the loop, which is the sensors in front of the light by an accident, a vehicle burning, obstruction that sensor goes from being a smart light that knows what is coming from left to right to a light with no sense. We have several hundred lights like this because of a contract that expired. Public Works and the Managers Office have an annual contract that expired. If a new contractor is not hired to fix the broken cables in the ground then they just remain broken until a new company is hired. We have several hundred that have been broken for months.” He wants to encourage the Public Works Department and the Managers’ Office to not just have this contract for a year which the renewal process takes four or five months, but allow the contract to continue on until another contract approved.

Carline Paul made a motion to pass the Resolution and was seconded Joseph Fontana. Upon being put to a vote, the Resolution was passed unanimously.

B. CTAC ON MDX

Ms. Rockwell explained that for the past few months CTAC on MDX has been on the agenda. This is a Resolution and a Memo that will be place on the BBC in February or in March. The members needed to pass a Resolution approving the Memo and the Draft Resolution to move forward.

The motion was moved by Mac Glasgow and seconded by Carline Paul. Upon being put to a vote, the Resolution was passed unanimously.

C. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONTINUANCE OF THE PARATRANSIT TASK FORCE AND REQUESTING THE BCC APPOINT A CTAC MEMBER TO THIS COMMITTEE

Ms. Rockwell informed the Committee that this Resolution was adopted in draft form at the subcommittee. The motion to approve the Resolution was moved by Carline Paul and seconded by Norman Wartman. Upon being put to a vote, the Resolution was passed unanimously.

VII. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE

Mr. Hatcher reminded the members that the Triennial MPO Recertification will take place on February 24th & 25th. There will be a public hearing before the regular CTAC meeting on that day. The meeting will be held in the Commission Chambers and representatives from the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit

Administration will be in attendance. Mr. Hatcher recommended that all CTAC members be present at this meeting if possible.

He also reminded members that the TIP Interactive meeting will be held March 24th and will be co-hosted by TARC and BPAC.

The First and Second Chair's nominations will be held on March 24th and elections will take place on April 28th. The Chair's nominations will be held on April 28th and the election will take place on May 26th. All of these nominations and elections will be held on regular CTAC meeting days. Ms. Rockwell reminded members as per the By-Laws adopted June 25, 2003 each term will be for two-years. The CTAC accomplished items list was handed out along with Mike Hatcher's newspaper article.

VIII. CTAC SECRETARIAT'S REPORT

Elizabeth Rockwell informed the Committee that there are members in Violation of 2-11.39 of the Dade County Code. This issue will be discussed at the February 11th Subcommittee meeting.

Ms Rockwell informed the Committee that should a member have a conflict of interest with a certain topic they must physically leave the room and not participate in the conversation. They are not allowed to cast an "abstain" vote on the topic. They must be marked absent on the vote (Resolution).

IX. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. TRANSIT SUBCOMMITTEE

B. SURFACE TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Oscar Camejo, MPO staff, sent a survey form for the members to rank the UPWP ideas from 1-5. Mr. Wartman passed this form out for everyone to fill out and fax back Paul Chance, by Friday January 30th.

C. ELDERLY AND DISABLED SUBCOMMITTEE

D. AVIATION SUBCOMMITTEE MARITIME SUBCOMMITTEE

E. LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE

(No reports were given for items A, B and D, E)

X. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Joseph Fontana would like to get an overview briefing from the Director's of Miami-Dade Transit, MPO, and Public Works regarding the Bay Link project, the East-West Corridor project, and new service on Miami Beach. It was recommended that Mr. Fontana write all his questions down and send them to the Secretariat for dispersal to the Committee for their input.

Daniel Fils-Aime would like to draft out a recommendation letter to the MPO recognizing Elizabeth Rockwell and Paul Chance for a job well done.

Naomi Wright has a concern that there are too many items being placed on the agenda. She would like to see fewer items placed on the agenda so that the members can be more effective with dealing with hot topics.

Ms. Rockwell replied by saying that the CTAC By-Laws need to be amended to only allow two topics per subcommittee meeting. In the By-Laws it states three Subcommittees can occur during one meeting.

Norman Wartman spoke to members about getting involved with the real-estate investment trust to get involved with transportation. He said members should buy right away before it gets to expensive.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM

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